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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003 ("Office Action"). A Petition for a One Month Extension Of Time was filed concurrently to extend the time for filing this Amendment and Response from February 4, 2004 to March 4, 2004.

Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.